

## Skarzynski, George

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**From:** daw, harry  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2013 11:07 AM  
**To:** Skarzynski, George  
**Subject:** FW: Nothampton County Emails

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**From:** Harry Daw [mailto:Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 8:46 AM  
**To:** daw, harry  
**Subject:** Nothampton County Emails

Sincerely,

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----- Forwarded by Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US on 03/21/2013 08:45 AM -----

From: Jennifer Jackson/R3/USEPA/US  
To: [El-Abdaoui.fatima@Epa.gov](mailto:El-Abdaoui.fatima@Epa.gov), Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 06/06/2012 03:14 PM  
Subject: Northampton Law Library  
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Fatima and Harry,

It has been brought to my attention that maintenance workers were instructed yesterday to take apart and remove bookshelves in the law library in the Northampton County Courthouse. The shelves were recently exposed during an asbestos removal that took place roughly 04/16/2012 by Prism (contracted by SSM Group). The shelves were supposedly wiped clean after the removal, but workers identified ACM within the cracks of the shelves, which tested positive 15% chrysotile according to maintenance supervisor, Ted Harris. Mr. Harris has temporarily stopped the project, but is receiving pressure from his supervisor / deputy administrator, Tom Harp, in terms of trying to have the section closed off and posted until it is safe to resume work. I spoke to Mr. Harris and said I would inform EPA Civil of the matter. Please advise how to proceed.

Thank you.

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Cc: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA, Fatima El-Abdaoui/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 08/31/2012 10:45 AM  
Subject: EPA closes investigation into asbestos concerns against Northampton County

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Mike: Did we said that to the newspaper?

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From: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US  
To: Ted Harris <[THarris@northamptoncounty.org](mailto:THarris@northamptoncounty.org)>  
Date: 05/18/2012 02:03 PM  
Subject: Harry Boyer

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Mr. Harris,

Would you call me please..

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To: Michael Frankel/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 06/08/2012 06:10 AM  
Subject: Re: Check in on Northampton County

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The conversation didn't happen. We plan to talk at 11am today.

Harry T. Daw  
Associate Director, Land and Chemicals Division  
Office of Toxics and Pesticides  
Mobile number 267-639- 0913  
Sent via my Blackberry  
Michael Frankel

----- Original Message -----

From: Michael Frankel  
Sent: 06/07/2012 04:36 PM EDT  
To: Harry Daw  
Cc: Donna Heron  
Subject: Check in on Northampton County

Hi Harry

Just wanted to touch base as follow-up on what we talked about this morning.

Please advise what you've learned.

Thanks  
Mike

Michael H. ("Mike") Frankel  
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Land and Chemicals Division,  
GLBT Diversity Program Manager,  
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Quoted by David S. Becker in "The EMS Manager"  
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To: Russell Swan/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 08/31/2012 02:42 PM  
Subject: Fw: EPA closes investigation into asbestos concerns against Northampton County

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Did you see this? Almost sounds like we gave them a no action assurance. Sincerely,

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**Cc:** Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA, Donna Heron/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
**Date:** 08/31/2011 04:22 PM  
**Subject:** MEDIA INQUIRY --- Fw: Asbestos in Northampton County, Pa buildings

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Hi Rich and Fatima

Please see the email below - I recall the Vocational School earlier this year around Easton but nothing with Northampton County.

And nothing in the recent Enforcement Notices --- Please review below and advise.

Thanks

Mike

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From: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US  
To: [heron.donna@epa.gov](mailto:heron.donna@epa.gov), Michael Frankel/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 08/31/2011 04:13 PM  
Subject: Fw: Asbestos in Northampton County, Pa buildings

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Hi Donna and Mike,

I wrote back to this reporter letting her know that someone will try and get info back to her tomorrow. Please handle.  
Thanks! -- Terri

----- Forwarded by Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US on 08/31/2011 04:11 PM -----

From: "Cassi, Sarah" <[scassi@Express-Times.com](mailto:scassi@Express-Times.com)>  
To: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 08/31/2011 12:30 PM  
Subject: Asbestos in Northampton County, Pa buildings

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Terri,

My name is Sarah Cassi and I am a reporter with The Express-Times in Easton, Pa. I'm contacting you because I've been following a story here about complaints regarding asbestos in buildings owned by Northampton County - specifically the courthouse, the Gov. Wolf building and Gracedale nursing home. I was told complaints were made to the EPA about the county's handling of the situation, and I wanted to see if you've received complaints and what process would follow. I can be reached via e-mail or by phone. Thanks.

Sarah Cassi  
Northampton County courts and government reporter  
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To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 09/29/2011 01:55 PM  
Subject: RE: Law Library Abatement

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Understood.

**From:** Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2011 1:54 PM  
**To:** Thomas Harp  
**Subject:** Re: Law Library Abatement

I found out my person won't be back in the office until Tuesday.  
Harry T. Daw  
Associate Director, Land and Chemicals Division  
Office of Toxics and Pesticides  
Mobile number 267-639- 0913  
Sent via my Blackberry

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**From:** Thomas Harp [THarp@northamptoncounty.org]  
**Sent:** 09/29/2011 05:51 PM GMT  
**To:** Harry Daw  
**Subject:** RE: Law Library Abatement

OK. I thought I heard you say the middle of next week. But Thursday would be fine. Thanks.

**From:** Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2011 1:29 PM  
**To:** Thomas Harp  
**Subject:** Re: Law Library Abatement

I've asked that we respond by next Thursday.  
Harry Daw

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**From:** Thomas Harp [THarp@northamptoncounty.org]  
**Sent:** 09/29/2011 02:02 PM GMT  
**To:** Harry Daw  
**Cc:** Jill Mancini <JMancini@northamptoncounty.org>; Steven Desalva <SDesalva@northamptoncounty.org>; James Onembo <jonembo@nccpa.org>; John Stoffa <JStoffa@northamptoncounty.org>  
**Subject:** Law Library Abatement

Harry, that you for taking my call this morning. You are currently in travel status and indicated that you received the SOW recommended by SSM for abatement of ACM in our law library, but wanted one of your colleagues to review it prior to our proceeding with the abatement process. You indicated that you will be contacting me by the middle of next week with your

recommendations. We are very anxious to proceed with the proper abatement of this area. The law library has been shut down for nearly two weeks now and our understanding is that the proposed scope of work for the abatement will take 3-4 weeks. Our court administration has stressed how vital this service is to our local legal system. We are willing to move forward as quickly as possible with cleanup efforts. But since your office is involved, we want to make sure the SSM plan is acceptable.

I will look forward to hearing from you next week.

Thank you.

Tom

Thomas Harp, Deputy Director  
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*"The greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more" - Jonas Salk*

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Cc: John Stoffa <[JStoffa@northamptoncounty.org](mailto:JStoffa@northamptoncounty.org)>, Thomas Harp <[THarp@northamptoncounty.org](mailto:THarp@northamptoncounty.org)>, "Karl F. Longenbach" <[klongenbachjd@aol.com](mailto:klongenbachjd@aol.com)>  
Date: 10/10/2011 12:10 PM  
Subject: Medical Surveillance/Boyer Report

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Good morning Harry:

We have scheduled a meeting to finalize the SOW tomorrow, the first day that would accommodate the schedules of all involved. Individuals from the O&M Safety Comm. will also be present. Your suggestions regarding our SOW will be used and are appreciated.

We are eager to expand our investigation over all county property and remediate accordingly. At a meeting back around August 22, 2011, Harry Boyer indicated that he would be submitting a report on his findings. This report will provide us with important information regarding the possible presence of asbestos at any particular location. Do you know when the report will be completed?

Finally, we are in the process of producing a medical surveillance protocol. As you are aware, OSHA provides guidance but is not sufficiently detailed such that it provides a basis for the development of a protocol. Thus, we are looking to you on this topic as well. Do you have an established protocol which you could forward to us? Short of that, your direction and suggestions will be solicited imminently.

Thank you for your assistance.

Jill

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Date: 10/17/2011 07:40 AM  
Subject: Northampton County

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Collection point log is included along with pictures of the each point minus a narrative. The pictures are not good.

A copy of the inspection report has been written.

Ralph

List of sample areas

▼ 1 attachment

(See attached file: Scan001.PDF)

Pictures of collection points.

▼ 1 attachment

(See attached file: Scan001.PDF)

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Harry, Ralph

Today I had a conversation with Tom Harp from Northampton County regarding the samples that you two collected during your visit there last month. He is interested in getting the sample results to help guide their contractors for clean up of the ventilation system. Since the results from that analysis will not be available soon, can you provide your sample collection log. I'm assuming you documented where each sample was collected during the inspection. This should allow them to go to the same locations and collect their own sampling. Can you pull this together for me for when I get in on Tuesday. I appreciate it thx.

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Date: 04/14/2006 09:35 AM  
Subject: Early Bird Headlines - April 14

# **EPA Region III**

## **Office of Communications and Government Relations**

**Early Bird Headlines**  
**Friday, April 14, 2006**

**\*\*\* HOT LIST \*\*\***

### **Mercury report details toxic fish**

**BALTIMORE SUN** Study finds 59% of catch in Md. waters contains unsafe levels for infants, kids. Nearly 60 percent of fish taken from Maryland waters show concentrations of toxic mercury at levels unsafe for infants and children, an environmental advocacy group said in a report released yesterday. At a news conference at Middle Branch Park, with Baltimore's industrial waterfront and a clutch of fishermen in the background, the Maryland Public Interest Research Group issued what it called the most detailed report to date on mercury levels in fish and shellfish caught in Maryland. The group's report, based on data collected by state agencies, said 59 percent of samples had mercury levels higher than the level at which the Environmental Protection Agency recommends that people begin limiting their consumption.

### **State isolates source of TCE**

**NEWSZAP DELAWARE MILLSBORO** — After nearly four months of investigating, state officials have announced a breakthrough in their search for the source of last year's trichloroethylene outbreak in Millsboro.

Paul Wills, a program manager with the site investigation and restoration branch of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, confirmed to the Sussex Post late last week that the site of a former animal laboratory along U.S. 113 is the most likely cause of last year's contamination. "At this point, we're very certain," Mr. Wills said. "Based upon the levels of TCE that we're finding, this is the most likely source

## **Water works: Small sewage systems worry some**

**DELAWARE COUNTY DAILY TIMES** Like to gamble? Well, if you live in a part of Delaware County that gets its drinking water from the Springton Lake Reservoir, soon all you'll have to do is fill a glass from the faucet. That's the concern of some officials, who say sewage from less-regulated, smaller sewage-treatment plants can seep into the ground and make its way to the reservoir. .... DELCORA officials say the Central Delaware County Authority should hook up to the Crum Creek interceptor, so sewage can be pumped to the Chester plant. Salvucci said the original plan that charted sewage treatment throughout the county, the Act 537 plan, outlined just that. And, after that, the authority sponsored various studies determining that hooking into the Crum Creek interceptor would be beneficial for that area. The problem is the line was installed, but has deteriorated because of its lack of use.

## **"A Lot To Be Dislosed"**

**ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE** Virginia Department of Environmental Quality reissued Mirant's Trona Test Report with less material blacked out. But, with such minor changes from the original report it drew the praise of Mirant for conducting "its review of the document carefully and fairly." City Attorney Ignacio Pessoa reacted to the state's action by stating, "This only confirms our suspicions of their [Mirant's] testing. It still leaves a lot to be disclosed." The report, which when originally issued by Mirant, had most of its pages blacked out based on their claim that to publish the entire report would be detrimental to their trade secrets. It covers Mirant's 2005 test use of trona to reduce SO2 emissions at its coal fired Potomac River Generating Station in North Old Town Alexandria.

## **Incinerator tests fuel city's hopes**

**STATE COLLEGE CENTRE DAILY TIMES** Two down, one to go.

Two of the three burners that comprise Harrisburg's renovated municipal waste incinerator have passed their air quality emissions tests, moving the \$80 million project closer to full operation. Thomas Mealy, executive director of the Harrisburg Authority, which owns the incinerator, said all three trash burners are up and running, with test results on the third due in the next few weeks.....The air quality tests monitor for contaminants. The testing period was four days, but results can take as long as 60 days. Positive test results for all three burners would mean the plant is in line to receive a permit to operate from the state Department of Environmental Protection, the final regulatory hurdle.

## **Yellow school buses getting more green**

**HAMPTON ROADS DAILY PRESS GLOUCESTER** -- Gloucester County's school buses may soon be burning more vegetable oil than any other school buses in Virginia. Already 10 of the fleet's 45 diesel buses are fueled by a mix that contains 20 percent biodiesel, which is made from soybeans at a plant in New Kent County.

## **Making The City Greener, Cleaner**

**WASHINGTON POST** Earth Day was considered a revolutionary concept when it was founded in 1970 as a day in which people would focus on what they could do to improve the environment. But with awareness growing about such problems as global warming and water pollution, it was perhaps inevitable that in the Washington area, Earth Day -- April 22 -- would blossom into a weeklong array of events designed to give residents, employees and commuters a chance to learn about environmental concerns and how to address them.

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# PENNSYLVANIA

## **PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER**

With DRPA on autopilot, a question arises Traffic is flowing over the toll bridges, and the high-speed commuter trains run like clockwork. Employees still collect their paychecks. The bistate Delaware River Port Authority is operating as if a standoff between Pennsylvania and New Jersey over whether to deepen the river's shipping channel has not dragged on for five months. That it is still running without a meeting of its commissioners has raised questions about whether there is even a need for the board, which is expected to cancel yet another session Wednesday. Barring a calamity or safety issue, it appears that the authority can perform on autopilot.

## **DOYLESTOWN INTELLIGENCER**

Protecting against West Nile

Area officials plan to kill mosquito larvae to prevent an outbreak of the disease.

## **BUCKS COUNTY COURIER TIMES**

Ordinance would limit waterway development

It's a classic case of property rights versus environmental protection.

In the next month, Northampton will consider an ordinance that would limit development immediately around the township's streams and creeks. The idea, proponents said, is to reduce erosion, limit flooding and improve the quality of water in the township's waterways.

But opponents are worried the ordinance will keep them from developing their land and question why there isn't a provision exempting current landowners from its requirements..... Under the ordinance, the area at least 50 feet around a waterway would become part of a "riparian buffer" zoning district. Within that territory, most activities that disturb the land would be banned. The rules would be more restrictive in the area within 25 feet of the waterway, which the ordinance refers to as "Zone One," than in the next 25 feet, known as "Zone Two."

DEP issues drought watch

The Delaware River is flowing at a near-all-time low and rainfall totals are down more than 50 percent. Remember that all-day downpour that ruined your Saturday plans this weekend?

Well, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, it wasn't enough.

## **WEST CHESTER DAILY LOCAL NEWS**

Mortonville struggling with sewage issues

The biggest polluter in town -- Marty's Pub -- has been shut down, but for a long time, the bar routinely discharged gray water and sewage water onto the street in front of the bar. Overflows from an antiquated cesspool also routinely flowed on the ground just feet from the West Branch of the Brandywine Creek.

## **BEAVER COUNTY TIMES**

One-lane bridge collapses without warning

## **STATE COLLEGE CENTRE DAILY TIMES**

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### **POTTSTOWN MERCURY**

Exeter residents call for restoration of Ag Zone restrictions

EXETER -- More than 70 taxpayers attended a special hearing to rescind the special exception that would permit the construction of public and private schools in the township's agricultural preservation zone.

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## **DELAWARE**

### **NEWSZAP DELAWARE**

State isolates source of TCE

MILLSBORO — After nearly four months of investigating, state officials have announced a breakthrough in their search for the source of last year's trichloroethylene outbreak in Millsboro. Paul Wills, a program manager with the site investigation and restoration branch of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, confirmed to the Sussex Post late last week that the site of a former animal laboratory along U.S. 113 is the most likely cause of last year's contamination. "At this point, we're very certain," Mr. Wills said. "Based upon the levels of TCE that we're finding, this is the most likely source."

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## **WASHINGTON, D.C.**

### **WASHINGTON POST**

Making The City Greener, Cleaner Earth Day was considered a revolutionary concept when it was founded in 1970 as a day in which people would focus on what they could do to improve the environment. But with awareness growing about such problems as global warming and water pollution, it was perhaps inevitable that in the Washington area, Earth Day -- April 22 -- would blossom into a weeklong array of events designed to give residents, employees and commuters a chance to learn about environmental concerns and how to address them.

Outlook: Nuclear Energy In the 1970s, **Patrick Moore**, a founder of the environmental group Greenpeace, believed that nuclear energy was synonymous with nuclear holocaust, as did most of his compatriots. Thirty years on, his views have changed: He now believes that nuclear energy may just be the only energy source that can save our planet from another possible disaster: catastrophic climate change.

district briefing: EARTH DAY Religious Leaders to Discuss Global Warming Leaders from a spectrum of faiths will address the importance of taking action to deal with global warming in a discussion next week the day before Earth Day. The Earth Day Network and Interfaith Power and Light will host the discussion at the AARP Broadcast Center at 601 E St. NW on April 21, from 3 to 5 p.m.

A Disappointing Finale Belies Accomplishments : New Laws Address Air Pollution, Teacher Pensions Tuition..... Despite all the focus on what didn't pass in the final days, the legislature and Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. (R) completed several major initiatives that will affect the lives of most Marylanders.

Dying for Water in Somalia's Drought  
Amid Anarchy, Warlords Hold Precious Resource

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## WEST VIRGINIA

### **CHARLESTON GAZETTE**

#### Celebrating Earth Day

Jared Masters, 10, and his classmates from Rock Branch Elementary School in Putnam County got to handle a black king snake as part of the Earth Day activities at the state Capitol on Thursday. The snake was brought by the Schrader Center at Oglebay Institute in Wheeling.

Taylor Bishop, a fifth-grader from Clendenin Elementary School, competed with classmates at tossing recyclables into various bins.

### **WHEELING INTELLIGENCER**

Workers Burned by Steam MOUNDSVILLE — Three men were injured after a boiler tube failure filled a building with steam at American Electric Power's Kammer Plant at about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

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## MARYLAND

### **BALTIMORE SUN**

#### Mercury report details toxic fish

Study finds 59% of catch in Md. waters contains unsafe levels for infants, kids. Nearly 60 percent of fish taken from Maryland waters show concentrations of toxic mercury at levels unsafe for infants and children, an environmental advocacy group said in a report released yesterday. At a news conference at Middle Branch Park, with Baltimore's industrial waterfront and a clutch of fishermen in the background, the Maryland Public Interest Research Group issued what it called the most detailed report to date on mercury levels in fish and shellfish caught in Maryland. The group's report, based on data collected by state agencies, said 59 percent of samples had mercury levels higher than the level at which the Environmental Protection Agency recommends that people begin limiting their consumption.



Mikulski calls for firefighter cancer study Maryland U.S. Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski repeated a call yesterday for the Bush administration to conduct a study of cancer rates among firefighters, citing a Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health report that last year documented 17 Anne Arundel County firefighters with cancer. The Maryland Democrat told John Howard, director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, in a letter sent yesterday that a formal epidemiological study, not necessarily limited to Maryland, could potentially save lives.

### **ANNAPOLIS CAPITAL**

Annapolis Roads residents fend off sprawl on Bay Ridge

Nearly a year after buying 33 acres of woodland to fend off development, Annapolis Roads homeowners have reached a deal to buy a smaller parcel in front of their community.

### **HAGERSTOWN HERALD-MAIL**

RE-use helps people improve homes while improving the environment HANCOCK - A donated Volvo is parked near the entrance of the Tri-State RE-use Center, but it's no ordinary car. Rather, it serves as a kind of living testament to the reality of turning trash into treasure. "We had a group of school kids working on that car," said Hope Cucina Hargett, who founded the center in 1998. The car, which is fully operational, is covered from hood to bumper with used tiles of every color in the rainbow in a mozaic motif. That effort was part of the 2002 "It Pays to Re-use" contest. In 2003, former resident Phyllis Vallario won with her patio created with material reclaimed from the Tri-State RE-use Center.

### **ASSOCIATED PRESS (Md.)**

Wind-power developer challenges state's preservation recommendations HAGERSTOWN // A wind-power developer is threatening legal action over state recommendations for preserving habitat for rare and endangered species at the company's proposed work site in far Western Maryland. Synergics Inc. says logging and coal mining is already disturbing the environment in and around areas that the Department of Natural Resources has deemed too fragile for wind-turbine construction. In an April 7 filing, the Annapolis-based company asked the Public Service Commission to consider the new information before deciding whether and under what conditions Synergics should be allowed to build its proposed 40-megawatt wind farm in Garrett County.

Hazardous material spill closes I-83 for hours PARKTON, Md. (AP) -- Chemicals spilled from a truck shut down Interstate 83 well into the night Thursday, as environmental officials worked to clean up the hazardous material. The highway was closed in both directions near Parkton, about six miles south of the Pennsylvania border, shortly after the 1:30 p.m. spill, The (Baltimore) Sun reported. The southbound lanes reopened, but the northbound lanes could remain closed as late as 10 p.m., said Richard McIntire, a spokesman for the Maryland Department of the Environment. A truck owned by Ecoflo, a waste disposal firm in Greensboro, N.C., was carrying containers of trinitromethane, a rocket fuel, and urea, a neutralizing agent. MDE said more urea was brought to the scene of the spill to neutralize the spilled chemical, McIntire said.

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## **VIRGINIA**

### **NORFOLK VIRGINIAN PILOT**

102-acre site could pose redevelopment challenge NORFOLK — For Sale: 2.6-million-square-foot former auto plant on 102 acres of riverfront land with rail access. It's the real estate listing nightmare that faces economic developers and city officials in Norfolk now that Ford Motor Co. has announced plans to close its assembly plant in the city's Campostella section in 2008.

## **ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE**

"A Lot To Be Dislosed" Virginia Department of Environmental Quality reissued Mirant's Trona Test Report with less material blacked out. But, with such minor changes from the original report it drew the praise of Mirant for conducting "its review of the document carefully and fairly." City Attorney Ignacio Pessoa reacted to the state's action by stating, "This only confirms our suspicions of their [Mirant's] testing. It still leaves a lot to be disclosed." The report, which when originally issued by Mirant, had most of its pages blacked out based on their claim that to publish the entire report would be detrimental to their trade secrets. It covers Mirant's 2005 test use of trona to reduce SO2 emissions at its coal fired Potomac River Generating Station in North Old Town Alexandria.

## **HAMPTON ROADS DAILY PRESS**

Yellow school buses getting more green

GLOUCESTER -- Gloucester County's school buses may soon be burning more vegetable oil than any other school buses in Virginia. Already 10 of the fleet's 45 diesel buses are fueled by a mix that contains 20 percent biodiesel, which is made from soybeans at a plant in New Kent County.

## **WINCHESTER STAR**

From the Chalkboard

Environmentalism Scholarship

WVPT of Harrisonburg, Virginia's Public Television, is sponsoring the 10th annual Environmental Scholarship Award for area students in grades kindergarten through 12. The scholarship rewards research into water-related issues or topics studied in history, geology, political science, health, physics, earth science, biology, chemistry, oceanography, meteorology, agriscience, English, creative writing, environmental studies, social studies, and government units or classes.

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# **MISCELLANEOUS**

## **NEW YORK TIMES**

EDITORIAL: The Oceans Resurface Despite extensive studies demonstrating the poor health of America's coastal waters as well as its major fisheries and offering blueprints for recovery, Congress has done nothing. Now, at last, the matter is getting some traction. This is good news. But the important thing is to get it right.

Debate Revives as 9/11 Dust Is Called Fatal

In the cold, clinical language of the autopsy report of a retired New York City detective that was released this week, there were words that thousands of New Yorkers have come to anticipate and to fear. "It is felt with a reasonable degree of medical certainty that the cause of death in this case was directly related to the 9/11 incident," stated the report from the medical examiner's office in Ocean County, N.J.

New Concerns About Razing of Bank Tower at Ground Zero

Demolition plans for the former Deutsche Bank building opposite ground zero have raised fresh concerns among the regulatory agencies reviewing the project, the federal Environmental Protection Agency said this week.

Complex Equation Determined Rules for Rebuilding in New Orleans, Federal Officials Say The long-awaited flood advisories for rebuilding in New Orleans that the government announced Wednesday were met yesterday with a measure of relief — and confusion.

## New Jersey Dump Is Put Back on Superfund List

### **THE WALL ST. JOURNAL**

Ethanol bumps share prices Wall Street is pumped up about ethanol.

The gasoline substitute emerged as a grass-roots investment movement last year, with farmers raiding their savings to build plants that convert corn into the renewable fuel. Now mutual-fund managers and well-heeled investors are grasping for any stock with the slimmest connection to ethanol. With soaring gasoline prices, the spot price of ethanol -- an alcohol-based alternative fuel that is blended with gasoline -- has doubled over the past 12 months to about \$2.65 a gallon. The Bush administration has been plugging ethanol in recent months, saying it could help break America's crude-oil addiction. Adding to the froth, billionaire Bill Gates has become an ethanol booster.

### **GREENBIZ.COM**

EPA's Latest Toxics Release Data Show Continued Decline PHILADELPHIA, Penn., April 14, 2006 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has released its 2004 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI), which provides information on toxic chemicals used and released by utilities, refineries, chemical manufacturers, paper companies, and many other facilities across the nation. The TRI is compiled from data submitted to EPA by industry and the states.

The 2004 TRI data indicates a decrease of 18 million pounds of chemical releases as compared with 2003. A total of 381.8 million pounds of chemicals were released during 2004 to the air, water or landfills by facilities in the mid-Atlantic region which is comprised of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Releases in this same geographic area totaled 399.8 million pounds in 2003. When compared with the 2000 TRI data of 464.7 million pounds, the 2004 figures represent a 17.8% reduction in toxic pollutants released in the region. "The TRI is a valuable resource for citizens and government alike," said Donald S. Welsh, EPA mid-Atlantic regional administrator. "Communities can use this data to begin dialogues with local facilities to encourage them to reduce emissions or develop pollution prevention plans; public interest groups use it to educate the public about toxic chemical emissions and potential risk; and EPA and the states use it to set priorities and allocate environmental protection resources to the most pressing problems.

### **BOSTON GLOBE**

EPA is ordered to release documents on mercury rule

A federal magistrate in Boston ordered the US Environmental Protection Agency late yesterday to release internal documents to Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas F. Reilly about how the federal agency arrived at a controversial rule to regulate mercury emissions from power plants.

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Cc: Harry Boyer/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 01/25/2012 08:52 AM  
Subject: FW: Final Report Gracedale - Lower Level Sampling

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[attachment "LTR\_Asbestos Sampling\_Gracedale NH\_012312.pdf" deleted by Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US]

Mr. Daw

Good morning , these are the results for the area at Gracedale. This is our County nursing home and these are areas where an employee had been instructed to cut up approx. 20-25 fire doors and dispose in the dumpster as recent as four years ago . We have been seeking answers since 2007 Please contact Harry Boyer about these reported issues and Agent Don Hentz from the attorney

generals office . This was a focus of their investigation. The employees wish to file formal complaints and we may also need whistle blower paperwork if there is adverse reaction to our coming forward. They wish to clean this up ASAP and want the safety committee to approve the scope of work, but we are not comfortable in light of what these results tell us. We need the EPA to have input per our request and also under regulations. Also our law library is closed due to contamination since September. When I asked to have the dust samples analyzed for quantity to let us know the levels of contamination We were told you couldn't get results on dust. However I see that a t Gracedale a test was taken that gave quantitative analysis and I am going to request that for the library samples. I will try to call you today when my work load permits. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,  
Ted Harris 484-809-6287

From: Steven Desalva  
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 3:20 PM  
To: Donald Heimbecker  
Cc: Thomas Harp; David A. Kaesler; Jonathan Siedt; Paul M. Wozniak; Ted Harris; Alan Pokojni; Vic Sabatino; Roger Pulcini; 'dan.gensemer@ssmgroup.com'; 'dave.bertsch@ssmgroup.com'  
Subject: Fw: Final Report Gracedale - Lower Level Sampling

Don,  
Please pass along and remind SSM to send reports to you or a supervisor in the future. Thanks. Steve

From: gensemer, dan [<mailto:Daniel.Gensemer@ssmgroup.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 03:03 PM  
To: Thomas Harp; Steven Desalva  
Subject: Final Report Gracedale - Lower Level Sampling

Attached please find the above mentioned report. SSM's scope of work was based off the findings of this report. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,  
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Director, Indoor Environmental Quality

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Cc: Thomas Harp <THarp@northamptoncounty.org>, Steven Desalva <SDesalva@northamptoncounty.org>  
Date: 10/07/2011 05:43 PM  
Subject: Northampton County Courthouse

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Dear Harry:

We are moving ahead with remediation in our law library.

Harry Boyer indicated that he would prepare a detailed report on his findings at Northampton county and then forward them to you for review and response. He indicated that you would outline for us specifics on what had to be addressed and how it had to be addressed.

We are very eager to proceed with any remediation necessary in the proper fashion. Can you give us an idea of when that information will be forwarded to us?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.  
Jill

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Date: 09/29/2011 10:02 AM  
Subject: Law Library Abatement

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Harry, that you for taking my call this morning. You are currently in travel status and indicated that you received the SOW recommended by SSM for abatement of ACM in our law library, but wanted one of your colleagues to review it prior to our proceeding with the abatement process. You indicated that you will be contacting me by the middle of next week with your recommendations. We are very anxious to proceed with the proper abatement of this area. The law library has been shut down for nearly two weeks now and our understanding is that the proposed scope of work for the abatement will take 3-4 weeks. Our court administration has stressed how vital this service is to our local legal system. We are willing to move forward as quickly as possible with cleanup efforts. But since your office is involved, we want to make sure the SSM plan is acceptable.

I will look forward to hearing from you next week.

Thank you.

Tom

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To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 09/08/2011 04:34 PM  
Subject: Northampton County Law Library Asbestos

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Dear Mr. Daw

We had further testing completed yesterday in order to ascertain asbestos concentration levels. I have attached the results for your review.

Would you be so kind as to forward this to whomever you deem appropriate in order to confirm whether the EPA would recommend closing the library and further any suggestions on remediation as we have an unusual circumstance in that there are many books affected. Your input would assist in allowing us to conform to any requirements you may have.

Thank you  
Jill Mancini  
610-559-3183

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To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 10/17/2011 03:07 PM  
Subject: RE: Law Library Abatement

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Harry, were you able to contact Harry Boyer today? Will he be sending us the locations of the sampling that was done in our law library so that we can replicate the testing?

Tom

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From: [Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov) [Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 1:54 PM  
To: Thomas Harp  
Subject: Re: Law Library Abatement

I found out my person won't be back in the office until Tuesday.

Harry T. Daw  
Associate Director, Land and Chemicals Division  
Office of Toxics and Pesticides  
Mobile number 267-639- 0913  
Sent via my Blackberry

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From: Thomas Harp [THarp@northamptoncounty.org]  
Sent: 09/29/2011 05:51 PM GMT  
To: Harry Daw  
Subject: RE: Law Library Abatement

OK. I thought I heard you say the middle of next week. But Thursday would be fine.  
Thanks.

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I've asked that we respond by next Thursday.  
Harry Daw

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To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 10/18/2011 09:24 AM  
Subject: RE: Northampton County

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Thanks for your prompt response Harry.

**From:** Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov [<mailto:Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2011 9:21 AM  
**To:** Thomas Harp  
**Cc:** El-Abdaoui.Fatima@epamail.epa.gov  
**Subject:** Fw: Northampton County

Attached is the sample log and accompanying pictures  
Sincerely,

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Date: 10/17/2011 10:57 AM  
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A copy of the inspection report has been written.

Ralph

List of sample areas

Pictures of collection points.

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Date: 01/30/2012 07:01 AM  
Subject: RE: Policy regarding assignment of work activities and proper management procedure

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Steve,

We never met to discuss this policy. there were many questions to the meaning of these words and you yourself have given us other documentation that contradicts some of these words. We do not feel safe in some of the decisions made by our superiors and you have given us permission to by-pass the chain of command when we feel uncomfortable with a developing situation. We have also reported actions to the District Attorney the EPA and the Attorney Generals investigation agent. I would say that that applies to the low level of comfort we have. You yourself had made the statement of how preposterous it is that we would suspect the library in 2011 and look what happened. Thank you.--Ted

**From:** Steven Desalva

**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2012 5:26 PM

**To:** Deby Steward; Donald Heimbecker; Garry Haas; Gordon Heller; Henry Kemmerer; Roger Pulcini; Tom Kohler; Vic Sabatino; Alan Pokojni; David A. Kaesler; Jonathan Siedt; Paul M. Wozniak; Ted Harris

**Cc:** Thomas Harp; John Stoffa; Brian Balliet; David Holland

**Subject:** RE: Policy regarding assignment of work activities and proper management procedure

Lady and Gentlemen,

Please be reminded of the policy of May 25, 2011, regarding assignment of work activities and proper management procedure. Your compliance with this policy is necessary to ensure the proper management of the operation and maintenance of a major facility. This policy is stored on the "L" drive. Thank you. Steve

**From:** Steven Desalva

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2011 7:56 PM

**To:** Deby Steward; Donald Heimbecker; Garry Haas; Gordon Heller; Henry Kemmerer; Roger Pulcini; Tom Kohler; Vic Sabatino; Alan Pokojni; David A. Kaesler; Jonathan Siedt; Paul M. Wozniak; Ted Harris

**Cc:** Thomas Harp; John Stoffa; John R. Conklin; Brian Balliet; Marvin Granda

**Subject:** Policy regarding assignment of work activities and proper management procedure

**Importance:** High

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The proper management of the Public Works Department requires that appropriate supervisory personnel organize the execution of the various work activities that must be completed in the department. These work activities run the entire gamut from ordering parts and completing preventive maintenance work to providing information valuable in the development of future annual budgets, and also to identifying safety concerns and providing information pertinent to addressing safety concerns. In order to complete work activities in the most efficient and effective manner, the assignment of work activities must be made by the appropriate supervisory persons. It is essential then that an appropriate supervisor be in charge of assigning work activities to the most appropriate persons. For instance, a supervisor would assign a HVAC technician to address an issue or concern regarding a HVAC malfunction; a maintenance mechanic with skills in plumbing would be assign work on the repair of a domestic hot water or sprinkler system; and the same could be said for any other type of work activity. The main point to be made is that an appropriate supervisor must decide who should partake on any work activity. I note too that all work activities must be performed with the highest regard for safety.

All workers in the O & M division and some in the custodial division have had or will have had appropriate safety training to enable them to be aware of any safety related issues that could be discovered during the completion of their work assignments and that should be brought to the attention of their supervisor. Upon notifying the supervisor of safety related issues, the supervisor would coordinate the involvement of other persons, including safety committee members, if necessary to address the safety issues. It should be understood that safety awareness is an integral component of all work activities and the discovery of safety related issues should not necessarily be deemed a justification for a separate work activity to address the safety issue in the Public Works Department. The primary responsibility of the workers is the completion of assigned work activities while adhering to any appropriate safety precautions.

The role of the safety committee members is to represent other workers in the department in the discussion and resolution of safety concerns discovered during the course of completing work activities in the Public Works Department. Discussion of safety concerns would occur at safety meetings scheduled on a quarterly basis but, if necessary, may also occur at any time between the supervisor and an employee as an integral component of the completion of regularly assigned work activities. These concerns may be the unsafe habits of employees within the department or the discovery of situations that could be detrimental to the safety and welfare of our staff, employees, and public.

A safety concern form is a tool developed by the O & M division of the Public Works Department to document a safety concern and to address it in a timely manner. This form may be completed by an employee and given to the site specific supervisor for his or her review and response. It may also be completed by a supervisor and given to an employee for his or her review and response.

The supervisor may determine that a safety committee member with certain repair skills would be an appropriate person to investigate a safety concern, and sometimes the supervisor may determine that a worker who is not a safety committee member would be an appropriate person to investigate a safety concern. The supervisor in charge, not the safety committee members, shall make this decision. All in all, duly authorized supervisory personnel shall assign work activities (including work activities to coordinate with any onsite contractor) and shall know the work location of all subordinates.

All in all, the aforementioned constitutes a policy regarding the assignment of work activities and proper management procedure of the Department of Public Works. This policy shall always be followed, unless very exceptional circumstances would justify noncompliance and then I will require that the details of the circumstances be provided to me IN WRITING as soon as possible by the pertinent supervisor. Actually, most of this policy has been and is being followed in the Public Works Department and is really nothing more than an industry standard of proper management of the operation and maintenance of a major facility. Therefore,

I request that everyone make a sincere effort to abide by this policy, and I thank everyone in advance for your cooperation and adherence to it. Steve

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Date: 01/26/2012 04:28 PM  
Subject: Re: Fw: Asbestos test results

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OK--will do.

Betty Ann Quinn  
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Harry Daw---01/26/2012 04:25:37 PM---Betty Ann, That's exactly what I was looking for. Time frame is a little more flexible. For the pr

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Date: 01/26/2012 04:25 PM  
Subject: Re: Fw: Asbestos test results

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Betty Ann,

That's exactly what I was looking for. Time frame is a little more flexible. For the previous opinion I had received a specific request from Northampton County, so a quick response was needed. Since this is an anticipatory request I think if you can fit it in within the next couple of weeks that would be great.

Sincerely,

Harry T. Daw, Associate Director  
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Date: 01/26/2012 03:21 PM  
Subject: Re: Fw: Asbestos test results

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Hi Harry,  
I will be happy to help. I can provide information similar to the memo I generated for the Northampton County Law Library, if that will be satisfactory. What time frame are you looking for?

Betty Ann Quinn  
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Harry Daw---01/26/2012 02:07:45 PM---Betty Ann, Back in the fall I asked if you could look at some data from the Northampton County Law L

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Subject: Fw: Asbestos test results

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Betty Ann,

Back in the fall I asked if you could look at some data from the Northampton County Law Library and give me an opinion on the risk associated with the levels reported of the samples collected by the County's contractor. Attached is another set of asbestos sample analysis conducted by Northampton County at the county owned Gracedale Nursing Facility. The asbestos in the facility is suspected to have resulted from an incident where 20-25 asbestos core fire doors were cut-up (using a power saw) on a loading dock at the facility. The incident apparently happened 4-5 years ago.

Do you have time to look at this information and give me another opinion about the risks associated with continued exposure? I know that you are extremely busy, but it would be extremely helpful to know what this data represents.

Northampton hasn't yet requested an opinion but since I've received this information, it's only a matter of time before they reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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Date: 01/25/2012 11:09 AM  
Subject: Asbestos test results

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Good morning,

I am alerting everyone as President of AFSCME Local 1265. I received the test results for the Gracedale complex basement Southeast, Southwest wings. I must say that this is extremely unsettling. I challenge anyone to step forward and consider this a miniscule issue as was inferred previously. We as members have known about and worried about exposures since our first meeting in 2007. We have been asking for reports and information and have had no satisfaction. We are appalled that one of our members was ordered to cut up and dispose of asbestos core fire doors believed by some to number around six and to have happened many years ago. How about as recently as four years ago and numbered 20-25 doors. The results of this action is what we believe to be the conditions that exist today. In the past two of our safety committee members had a sit down with Marvin Granda to discuss our plight to know avail. We also addressed issues with Brian Balliet with the same results. It is now time to face reality. (We) have an extremely serious situation on our hands and it is not our intent to cripple the operations of Gracedale, but the health and safety of ALL people in the complex is of the utmost of importance. Therefore, The safety committee, myself, the solicitor and members of administration need to meet ASAP to discuss the resolution of this emergency. Contamination is still continuing. I was told that Housekeeping were mopping floors in this area. I advised a member to have the mop heads confiscated and quarantined for disposal and was told that they were already in the wash. We need to establish Medical Surveillance NOW for these affected people. We are not going to approve any scopes of work at this time. This is far too serious for us to give the go ahead. I have contacted Mr. Daw from the EPA for him to offer us guidance and I am sure you would not mind waiting until advice is given. In the mean time please make sure that all hazards are being communicated to the employees. I worked with Mr. Harp and MS. Mancini on this for our similar situation at the courthouse in the law library and they were responsive. I am anxious for a response from the responsible party in charge. I am not always able to respond to an e-mail in a timely fashion so please feel free to call me at 484-809-6287 Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Ted Harris President AFSCME Local 1265

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**Subject:** Fw: Final Report Gracedale - Lower Level Sampling

Don,

Please pass along and remind SSM to send reports to you or a supervisor in the future. Thanks. Steve

**From:** gensemer, dan [mailto:Daniel.Gensemer@ssmgroup.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2012 03:03 PM

**To:** Thomas Harp; Steven Desalva

**Subject:** Final Report Gracedale - Lower Level Sampling

Attached please find the above mentioned report. SSM's scope of work was based off the findings of this report. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Mr. Daniel R.Gensemer

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Cc: Kyla Townsend/R3/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 09/09/2011 03:22 PM

Subject: RE: Northampton County Law Library Asbestos

Mr. Daw:

I truly appreciate your input.

I will contact you in the near future concerning whether or not EPA has directives concerning remediation.

Kyla, thank you also for your assistance.



Jill

-----Original Message-----

From: Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2011 11:12 AM  
To: Jill Mancini  
Cc: Townsend.Kyla@epamail.epa.gov; El-Abdaoui.Fatima@epamail.epa.gov  
Subject: Re: Northampton County Law Library Asbestos

Ms. Mancini,

Attahched for your information is the quick review of the information that you provided by one of our toxicologists. Please feel free to contact me or Kyla if you have any additional questions.

Harry Daw

Hi Harry,

I've added some language that addresses the additional data you sent to me. The conclusions are the same, however-- it is prudent to limit exposure to areas known to be contaminated with asbestos-containing dusts.

(See attached file: Northampton County Asbestos sample eval-3.docx)

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Betty Ann,

Thanks for doing this on short notice. I'm forwarding additional information that Ms. Mancini sent to Kyla Townsend later in the day yesterday. (I didn't know she was going to send add'l info or I would have waited until I reached out for help.) The last attachment is apparently the quantities of asbestos identified as a result of their sampling event.

Let me know if this additional information changes anything in your memo. If it doesn't I'll go with that. Thanks alot!

Sincerely,

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Hello:

These are the additional document Ms. Mancini mentioned yesterday; can the person you spoke of yesterday who is doing a review of the previous information Ms. Mancini sent provide an assessment of these documents as well?

Sincerely,  
Kyla L. Townsend-McIntyre  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III Pesticides and Asbestos Programs Branch  
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Déar Kyla:

I am writing to you in my capacity as assistant solicitor for Northampton County. As we discussed, recent tests confirm the presence of asbestos in our law library. For your convenience I have attached the results of the two tests performed and Guidelines. One test was performed on Sept. 2 and confirmed the presence of asbestos. The second test was performed on Sept. 7 and reflects the concentration of asbestos.

I understand that the EPA does not mandate that an area be segregated due to the presence of asbestos, however, since the quantity is above what is recommended in Guidelines, we are requesting at a minimum, a recommendation from the EPA.

Would you be so kind as to forward the same to us?

Thank you for your prompt response.

Regards  
 Jill Mancini  
 610-559-3184

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 Cc: kuchinski, dave; pfromm, bob; Donald Heimbecker; Steven Desalva; 'Karl F. Longenbach'; John Stoffa  
 Subject: RE: Asbestos Tests Law Library

Jill - attached please find the quantitative results for the dust sampling performed in

the Law Library along with a guidance document "Environmental Measurement Methods for Asbestos". Near the top of page 6 first paragraph is a list of the levels of asbestos in settled dust that is considered to be the "industry standard". The problem is there is no regulatory standard for what is considered acceptable levels for asbestos in dust. As you can see from the analytical results all of the asbestos structures detected were all less than 3 in each of the samples. This wipe sampling standard ASTM D5755-03 is used to assist in the evaluation of surfaces in buildings such as ceiling tiles, shelving, duct work, horizontal surfaces, and so forth. This method provides an index of the concentration of asbestos structures per unit area sampled as derived from the quantitative measure of the number of asbestos structures detected during analysis. It also takes into account the amount of non-asbestos dust in the sample and the sensitivity or "dirtiness" of the area sampled which could obscure the actual asbestos samples detected. Comparing this to the guidance document attached which indicates that for surfaces with levels of less than and up to 1,000 str/cm2 to be low, Levels above 10,000 str/cm2 are considered above general background and levels greater than 100,000 str/cm2 are considered high and in the range of what had been observed on surfaces outside leaky containment areas and around active abatement sites.

Even though the highest results obtained from the Law Library are less than 29,400 str/cm2 they are still over the 10,000 str/cm2 general background level which would indicate a higher concentration. However this is misleading because this is the lower limit of detection based on the "dirtiness" of the area sampled and the possibility of obstruction of fibers. As stated previously there is no compliance or regulatory standards with federal, state or local regulations and it is the user's responsibility to make these determinations. SSM recommends that these results be sent to the EPA for their interpretation and recommendation.

The only positive thing SSM can state is at the time of air sampling on 9/2/11 the airborne concentration of asbestos was non-detected. This is only comparison that can be made to federal regulations.

Regards,

Mr. Daniel R. Gensemer

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Subject: Asbestos Tests Law Library

Dan:

I appreciate that you are performing follow-up tests on the samples which came back positive for the presence of asbestos in the law library so promptly.

Dave and Bob indicated that the results would be done by late this afternoon and forwarded to us early tomorrow. In addition to the test report, could you send a copy of the Guidelines?

Thank you.

Jill

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Northampton County Law Library Asbestos

Jill Mancini

to:

Harry Daw

09/08/2011 04:34 PM

Dear Mr. Daw

We had further testing completed yesterday in order to ascertain asbestos concentration levels. I have attached the results for your review.

Would you be so kind as to forward this to whomever you deem appropriate in order to confirm whether the EPA would recommend closing the library and further any suggestions on remediation as we have an unusual circumstance in that there are many books affected. Your input would assist in allowing us to conform to any requirements you may have.

Thank you  
Jill Mancini  
610-559-3183

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Date: 01/19/2012 10:30 AM  
Subject: Investigation

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What is the status of the EPA investigation of incidents involving asbestos at our county facilities? I understand that Harry Boyer has had some serious health issues that may be contributing to delays in completing his report. If there is any other information you need, please do not hesitate to ask. We would like to cooperate in any manner to assure the health and safety of our workers.

Thank you.

Tom

Thomas Harp, Director  
Department of Administration  
County of Northampton  
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610-559-3192

*"The greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more" - Jonas Salk*

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Date: 01/25/2012 11:09 AM  
Subject: Asbestos test results

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[attachment "LTR\_Asbestos Sampling\_Gracedale NH\_012312.pdf" deleted by Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US]

Good morning,

I am alerting everyone as President of AFSCME Local 1265. I received the test results for the Gracedale complex basement Southeast, Southwest wings. I must say that this is extremely unsettling. I challenge anyone to step forward and consider this a miniscule issue as was inferred previously. We as members have known about and worried about exposures since our first meeting in 2007. We have been asking for reports and information and have had no satisfaction. We are appalled that one of our members was ordered to cut up and dispose of asbestos core fire doors believed by some to number around six and to have happened many years ago. How about as recently as four years ago and numbered 20-25 doors. The results of this action is what we believe to be



the conditions that exist today. In the past two of our safety committee members had a sit down with Marvin Granda to discuss our plight to know avail .We also addressed issues with Brian Balliet with the same results. It is now time to face reality. (We)have an extremely serious situation on our hands and it is not our intent to cripple the operations of Gracedale, but the health and safety of ALL people in the complex is of the utmost of importance. Therefore , The safety committee, myself, the solicitor and members of administration need to meet ASAP to discuss the resolution of this emergency. contamination is still continuing. I was told that Housekeeping were mopping floors in this area. I advised a member to have the mop heads confiscated and quarantined for disposal and was told that they were already in the wash. We need to establish Medical Surveillance NOW for these affected people .We are not going to approve any scopes of work at this time. This is far to serious for us to give the go ahead. I have contacted Mr. Daw From the EPA for him to offer us guidance and I am sure you would not mind waiting until advice is given. In the mean time please make sure that all hazards are being communicated to the employees. I worked with Mr. Harp and MS. Mancini on this for our similar situation at the courthouse in the law library and they were responsive. I am anxious for a response from the responsible party in charge. I am not always able to respond to an e-mail in a timely fashion so please feel free to call me at 484-809-6287 Thank you.

Respectfully yours ,

Ted Harris President AFSCME Local 1265

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<dan.gensemer@ssmgroup.com>, "dave.bertsch@ssmgroup.com" <dave.bertsch@ssmgroup.com>  
Subject: Fw: Final Report Gracedale - Lower Level Sampling

Don,  
Please pass along and remind SSM to send reports to you or a supervisor in the future. Thanks. Steve

From: gensemer, dan [<mailto:Daniel.Gensemer@ssmgroup.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 03:03 PM  
To: Thomas Harp; Steven Desalva  
Subject: Final Report Gracedale - Lower Level Sampling

Attached please find the above mentioned report. SSM's scope of work was based off the findings of this report. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,  
Mr. Daniel R.Gensemer  
Director, Indoor Environmental Quality

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From: Thomas Harp <THarp@northamptoncounty.org>  
To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 10/18/2011 09:06 AM  
Subject: RE: Law Library Abatement

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Thanks Harry. We will await your report.

-----Original Message-----

From: Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 3:41 PM  
To: Thomas Harp; Fatima El-Abdaoui  
Subject: Re: Law Library Abatement

Tom,  
I'm off today.  
I rcv'd a response from his partner that the info is available. When I return to the office tomorrow, I'll review it to determine that it's complete and is in final form. If it is I'll forward it to you.

Harry T. Daw  
Associate Director, Land and Chemicals Division Office of Toxics and Pesticides Mobile  
number 267-639- 0913 Sent via my Blackberry

----- Original Message -----

From: Thomas Harp [THarp@northamptoncounty.org]  
Sent: 10/17/2011 07:07 PM GMT  
To: Harry Daw  
Subject: RE: Law Library Abatement

Harry, were you able to contact Harry Boyer today? Will he be sending us the locations of the sampling that was done in our law library so that we can replicate the testing?

Tom

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From: Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov [Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 1:54 PM  
To: Thomas Harp  
Subject: Re: Law Library Abatement

I found out my person won't be back in the office until Tuesday.

Harry T. Daw  
Associate Director, Land and Chemicals Division Office of Toxics and Pesticides Mobile  
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From: Thomas Harp [THarp@northamptoncounty.org]  
Sent: 09/29/2011 05:51 PM GMT  
To: Harry Daw  
Subject: RE: Law Library Abatement

OK. I thought I heard you say the middle of next week. But Thursday would be fine.  
Thanks.

From: Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 1:29 PM  
To: Thomas Harp  
Subject: Re: Law Library Abatement

I've asked that we respond by next Thursday.  
Harry Daw

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From: Thomas Harp [THarp@northamptoncounty.org]  
Sent: 09/29/2011 02:02 PM GMT  
To: Harry Daw  
Cc: Jill Mancini <JMancini@northamptoncounty.org>; Steven Desalva  
<SDesalva@northamptoncounty.org>; James Onembo <jonembo@nccpa.org>; John Stoffa  
<JStoffa@northamptoncounty.org>  
Subject: Law Library Abatement

Harry, that you for taking my call this morning. You are currently in travel status and indicated that you received the SOW recommended by SSM for abatement of ACM in our law library, but wanted one of your colleagues to review it prior to our proceeding with the abatement process. You indicated that you will be contacting me by the middle of next week with your recommendations. We are very anxious to proceed with the proper abatement of this area. The law library has been shut down for nearly two weeks now and our understanding is that the proposed scope of work for the abatement will take 3-4 weeks. Our court administration has stressed how vital this service is to our local legal system. We are willing to move forward as quickly as possible with cleanup efforts. But since your office is involved, we want to make sure the SSM plan is acceptable.

I will look forward to hearing from you next week.

Thank you.

Tom

Thomas Harp, Deputy Director  
Department of Administration  
County of Northampton  
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610-559-3192

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To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 02/08/2012 01:25 PM  
Subject: e-mail

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Hello Mr.Daw

I am sorry to trouble you. I am just checking to see if you received my previous e-mail on 2-7-12 ?I am not sure if I am blocked. Thank you for your attention. --Ted

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Date: 02/07/2012 07:18 AM  
Subject: RE: EMSL results for 041202241 (104514.0003 Task 50 Northampton Co. Courthouse)

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Good morning everyone,

First I would like to say that just recently the employees were told to go into those areas because they were negative for asbestos. In the Grievance hearing for the employees of the DA'S office it was discovered that the area in question was never tested. That is what prompted this recent round of testing. Second, Mr. Desalva created a procedure that when hazardous materials are discovered, the safety committee members are notified and we meet with management for discussion. This never happened. We were available, as a matter of fact we were working right down the hall from the room in question. And finally, can we trust the scope of work that will be created. It has been proven that scopes of work are not followed. Just look at the Gracedale scope of work for the Southwest storage area. The boxes were supposed to have been wiped down, removed into a clean storage container and then reintroduced back into the area when the cleanup of the room was completed. Instead someone ordered the boxes with the dust be sent up to the non-contaminated areas. I believe this pretty much explains why there is no confidence in your methods. I also question the diminished importance of these findings. I believe the Law Library had approximately 3 structures and this area has been off limits for close to half a year. Thank you.

Ted Harris - President AFSCME Local 1265

**From:** Steven Desalva

**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2012 6:12 PM

**To:** Donald Heimbecker; Vic Sabatino; Roger Pulcini; Alan Pokojni; David A. Kaesler; Jonathan Siedt; Paul M. Wozniak; Ted Harris

**Cc:** Thomas Harp; Theresa A. Bush

**Subject:** FW: EMSL results for 041202241 (104514.0003 Task 50 Northampton Co. Courthouse)

**Importance:** High

Gentlemen,

Attached are the quantitative results for the 9 asbestos wipe samples from the DA Storage rooms. One sample had a reading equivalent to background level. One sample though in room B-129 had an asbestos reading sufficient enough to cause the entrance door to be signed for restricted access. All other results were <10,000 except Sample 14W (<14,600), but since that sample had <2.99 asbestos structures (detection limit) SSM considered it non-contaminated. Room B129 should be cleaned and decontaminated similar to the process being followed at Gracedale; all other rooms can be cleaned in a regular house cleaning manner. An asbestos bulk sample of the ceiling tile adhesive (B218) and a lead paint chip sample from wall paint in B214 tested negative. All results will be summarized in a final report, which will include air sampling test results. Theresa Bush has already been advised of the restriction to room B-129, and SSM is developing a SOW for the cleanup of this room and all the other storage rooms. I will post this e-mail and the test results on the O & M posting board. Don please save the test results in the "L" drive. Thank you. Steve

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To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA

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From: Kyla Townsend/R3/USEPA/US  
To: Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov  
Date: 09/09/2011 11:52 AM  
Subject: Fw: Asbestos Tests Law Library

Hello:

This is an email Ms. Mancini sent yesterday - are there any known guidelines that cover asbestos remediation of books or similar materials?

Sincerely,  
Kyla L. Townsend-McIntyre  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III  
Pesticides and Asbestos Programs Branch (3LC62)  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029  
Phone #: 215-814-2045  
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To: Kyla Townsend/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 09/08/2011 12:40 PM  
Subject: RE: FW: Asbestos Tests Law Library

Dear Ms. Townsend:

I appreciate that you notified me as to your receipt of the email and that you have already begun working on an assessment.

One more item, if I may. Now that we have confirmed that the concentration of asbestos requires remediation, we have requested that SSM begin preparing a scope of work. The County along with SSM would ask for direction from the EPA as to any requirements that you have or recommendations that you have regarding complete and thorough remediation. In this instance, we have the unique issue of many books possibly being contaminated.

I look forward to speaking you further.

Jill Mancini

-----Original Message-----

From: Townsend.Kyla@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Townsend.Kyla@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 10:40 AM

To: Jill Mancini  
Subject: Re: FW: Asbestos Tests Law Library

Dear Ms. Mancini:

I just wanted to let you know I am in receipt of your email and the information you provided; I am currently in the process of arranging for an assessment of the reports.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Kyla:

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As we discussed, recent tests confirm the presence of asbestos in our law library. For your convenience I have attached the results of the two tests performed and Guidelines. One test was performed on Sept. 2 and confirmed the presence of asbestos. The second test was performed on Sept. 7 and reflects the concentration of asbestos.

I understand that the EPA does not mandate that an area be segregated due to the presence of asbestos, however, since the quantity is above what is recommended in Guidelines, we are requesting at a minimum, a recommendation from the EPA.

Would you be so kind as to forward the same to us?

Thank you for your prompt response.

Regards  
Jill Mancini  
610-559-3184

-----Original Message-----

From: gensemer, dan [mailto:[Daniel.Gensemer@ssmgroup.com](mailto:Daniel.Gensemer@ssmgroup.com)]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011 3:36 PM

To: Jill Mancini; kuchinski, dave; pfromm, bob  
Cc: kuchinski, dave; pfromm, bob; Donald Heimbecker; Steven Desalva;  
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Regards,

Mr. Daniel R. Gensemer

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Subject: Asbestos Tests Law Library

Dan:

I appreciate that you are performing follow-up tests on the samples  
which came back positive for the presence of asbestos in the law library  
so promptly.

Dave and Bob indicated that the results would be done by late this  
afternoon and forwarded to us early tomorrow. In addition to the test  
report, could you send a copy of the Guidelines?

Thank you.

Jill

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Hello:

These are the additional document Ms. Mancini mentioned yesterday; can the person you spoke of yesterday who is doing a review of the previous information Ms. Mancini sent provide an assessment of these documents as well?

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this is misleading because this is the lower limit of detection based on the "dirtiness" of the area sampled and the possibility of obstruction of fibers. As stated previously there is no compliance or regulatory standards with federal, state or local regulations and it is the user's responsibility to make these determinations. SSM recommends that these results be sent to the EPA for their interpretation and recommendation. The only positive thing SSM can state is at the time of air sampling on 9/2/11 the airborne concentration of asbestos was non-detected. This is only comparison that can be made to federal regulations.

Regards,

Mr. Daniel R. Gensemer

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To: kuchinski, dave; pfromm, bob; gensemer, dan  
Cc: kuchinski, dave; pfromm, bob; Donald Heimbecker; Steven Desalva; 'Karl F. Longenbach'; John Stoffa  
Subject: Asbestos Tests Law Library

Dan:

I appreciate that you are performing follow-up tests on the samples which came back positive for the presence of asbestos in the law library so promptly.

Dave and Bob indicated that the results would be done by late this afternoon and forwarded to us early tomorrow. In addition to the test report, could you send a copy of the Guidelines?

Thank you.

Jill

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To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: Donna Weiss/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 09/07/2011 04:31 PM  
Subject: revised memo--Northampton County law library

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Hi Harry,  
Here is a revised memo---I tried to incorporate language that we discussed. Let me know if this better meets your needs.  
Thanks.

*(See attached file: Northampton County Asbestos sample eval-2.docx)*

Betty Ann Quinn  
Toxicologist  
Technical Support Branch  
215-814-3388

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From: Ted Harris <THarris@northamptoncounty.org>  
To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 01/25/2012 11:11 AM  
Subject: RE: FW: Final Report Gracedale - Lower Level Sampling

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Good morning,  
Thank you very much. And I am so pleased Harry Boyer is up and about. I will keep you informed of any new developments

**From:** Harry Daw [<mailto:Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2012 10:25 AM  
**To:** Ted Harris  
**Cc:** El-abdaoui.fatima@epa.gov; Kyla Townsend  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Final Report Gracedale - Lower Level Sampling

Mr. Harris,

Thanks for the additional information regarding asbestos results found at Gracedale. I've forwarded this to the Branch's supervisor and the asbestos team leader for inclusion in the case file. They have started to look at the information that Mr. Boyer compiled concerning Northampton County and hopefully with Mr. Boyer's anticipated return to work shortly we'll be able to finally get the inspection report completed. Once the inspection report is completed that will give us a better sense of what, if any, violations of federal law occurred and depending upon if there are violations of federal law will allow us to determine what the proper enforcement response should be. Please note that it is agency policy not to share information with the public regarding potential enforcement actions. So once the inspection report is complete the amount of information that we can share becomes very limited. So, if the Agency determines that an enforcement action is the appropriate enforcement response in this instance, we will not provide any information to outside parties until the time that an enforcement action is issued. Enforcement actions are public documents, but the deliberative process leading up to the issuance of enforcement actions are considered enforcement confidential.

Thanks again for the additional information.

Sincerely,

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From: Ted Harris <THarris@northamptoncounty.org>  
To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: Harry Boyer/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 01/25/2012 06:52 AM  
Subject: FW: Final Report Gracedale - Lower Level Sampling

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Mr. Daw

Good morning , these are the results for the area at Gracedale. This is our County nursing home and these are areas where an employee had been instructed to cut up approx. 20-25 fire doors and dispose in the dumpster as recent as four years ago . We have been seeking answers since 2007 Please contact Harry Boyer about these reported issues and Agent Don Hentz from the attorney generals office . This was a focus of their investigation. The employees wish to file formal complaints and we may also need whistle blower paperwork if there is adverse reaction to our coming forward. They wish to clean this up ASAP and want the safety committee to approve the scope of work, but we are not comfortable in light of what these results tell us. We need tha.EPA to have input per our request and also under regulations. Also our law library is closed due to contamination since September. When I asked to have the dust samples analyzed for quantity to let us know the levels of contamination We were told you couldn't get results on dust. However I see that a t Gracedale a test was taken that gave quantitative analysis and I am going to request that for the library samples. I will try to call you today when my work load permits. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Ted Harris 484-809-6287

**From:** Steven Desalva

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2012 3:20 PM

**To:** Donald Heimbecker

**Cc:** Thomas Harp; David A. Kaesler; Jonathan Siedt; Paul M. Wozniak; Ted Harris; Alan Pokojni; Vic Sabatino; Roger Pulcini; 'dan.gensemer@ssmgroup.com'; 'dave.bertsch@ssmgroup.com'

**Subject:** Fw: Final Report Gracedale - Lower Level Sampling

Don,

Please pass along and remind SSM to send reports to you or a supervisor in the future. Thanks. Steve

**From:** gensemer, dan [<mailto:Daniel.Gensemer@ssmgroup.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2012 03:03 PM

**To:** Thomas Harp; Steven Desalva

**Subject:** Final Report Gracedale - Lower Level Sampling

Attached please find the above mentioned report. SSM's scope of work was based off the findings of this report. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Mr. Daniel R.Gensemer

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Date: 01/25/2012 08:42 AM

Subject: RE: Investigation

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Thanks for your response, Harry. We fully understand the challenges you are facing with reduced staffing levels and Mr. Boyer's illness. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Tom

**From:** Harry Daw [<mailto:Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2012 8:35 AM

**To:** Thomas Harp

**Cc:** El-abdaoui.fatima@epa.gov; Kyla Townsend

**Subject:** Re: Investigation

Mr. Harp,

Thanks for your email regarding the inspections that EPA has conducted at Northampton County facilities and your offer to provide information relating to this issue. As you have correctly stated, the inspection report concerning this matter has been delayed significantly. This is due, in part to Mr. Boyer's illness and reduced staffing levels. In the interim another staff person is reviewing Mr. Boyer's files in his absence. I am hopeful that Mr. Boyer will return to work shortly and



contribute to the completion of the inspection report in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

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To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA, Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: John Stoffa <[JStoffa@northamptoncounty.org](mailto:JStoffa@northamptoncounty.org)>  
Date: 01/19/2012 10:30 AM  
Subject: Investigation

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What is the status of the EPA investigation of incidents involving asbestos at our county facilities? I understand that Harry Boyer has had some serious health issues that may be contributing to delays in completing his report. If there is any other information you need, please do not hesitate to ask. We would like to cooperate in any manner to assure the health and safety of our workers.

Thank you.

Tom

Thomas Harp, Director  
Department of Administration  
County of Northampton  
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*"The greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more" - Jonas Salk*

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To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: John Stoffa <JStoffa@northamptoncounty.org>, Thomas Harp <THarp@northamptoncounty.org>, "Karl F. Longenbach" <klongenbachjd@aol.com>  
Date: 09/23/2011 04:29 PM  
Subject:

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Dear Harry:

Please find attached the draft SOW prepared by SSM.

Thank you for forwarding this on to the appropriate individual for review. We will look forward to your recommendation as we are reluctant to proceed with remediation without it.

Sincerely,  
Jill Mancini  
610-559-3183

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Cc: Jonathan Siedt <JSiedt@northamptoncounty.org>, "David A. Kaesler" <DKaesler@northamptoncounty.org>, "Paul M. Wozniak" <PWozniak@northamptoncounty.org>  
Date: 01/30/2012 03:06 PM  
Subject: FW: Cleaning and air testing.

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This is from a supervisor in the DA'S office who is also sick.

**From:** Mary Pat Posko  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2012 9:44 AM  
**To:** Thomas Harp  
**Cc:** John Morganelli; Holly Pulsinelli; Ted Harris; Theresa A. Bush  
**Subject:** Cleaning and air testing.

Tom,

The testing of the air in the rooms we have been discussing, should not be tested for asbestos only. It should include, fiberglass, bug droppings and dander, molds, mildews, and other sources or irritation. The DA's office should also be tested for the fiberglass, bug

droppings and dander, molds, mildews. We already know that asbestos is an issue in all the rooms in these buildings, as is proven by the closing of the law library. These rooms have always had leaking problems, either from ground water or defects in the foundation of the building, which would greatly increase the chance of molds and mildews, not to mention access for any bugs.

We know that preliminary cleaning has already been done in some of the rooms, as can be seen immediately upon entering the rooms. We also know that other departments store unwanted or unused equipment in these rooms, which is not what these rooms were designated for.

Also, it is my understanding that the ventilation system in our office has never been, and is not currently, scheduled for any type of cleaning. If you look at these vents, not only in the ceiling but in the DA's offices in front of the windows, you will notice that they are filthy, coated with dirt and other things. We know that the air coming through this system is not clean (we clean our desks of the dust and dirt, and in a short period of time (one day) the desks look like they have never been cleaned).

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Cc: Raydene Harwick <rharwick@afscme13.org>, Denise Bowles <DBowles@afscme.org>, Harry Boyer/R3/USEPA/US@EPA, Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA, David Kaesler <DKaesler@northamptoncounty.org>, Paul Wozniak <PWozniak@northamptoncounty.org>, Jonathan Siedt <JSiedt@northamptoncounty.org>, John Morganelli <JMorganelli@northamptoncounty.org>, Mary Pat Posko <MPosko@northamptoncounty.org>

Date: 02/20/2012, 10:18 AM

Subject:

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Good morning Pat,

On February 15th, I became aware of an issue in the recently restricted file room for the DA office. Mary Pat Posko and Henry Kemmerer went into the area containing the room that was restricted for access. I notified Jonathan Siedt to go with me to investigate the situation. We had been given strict orders by Steve Desalva that we were not permitted to observe or question test procedures related to the DA file rooms. When we went in Henry was instructing Walter Kuhn's and Alex Guffy to get a garbage cart and remove boxes to be thrown away. I questioned Henry if there was any contamination in these rooms and he said he was told to get these men and dispose of the boxes. I questioned if there was any acm in this area. I said that I would get the recent report for the test results. I then found that there was acm located in these rooms with levels just about equivalent to the law library. I advised Henry that unless he could provide some safe way of having these men enter the room and be able to identify the areas of contamination, then they should not be required to enter the room. Walter then stated "Union or no Union I am not going to go in. Alex also said that he was not going to enter either. We were then told to get back to work. I then called Raydene Harwick and Harry Boyer from the E.P.A. Raydene contacted Tom Harp and work was stopped until it can be determined that the area is safe. I will advise all that we were not permitted to take part in any of the sampling. If we were we would have addressed some issues with the hygienist. When the test results came back hot for acm we were not consulted with even though we were in abeyance with a step three grievance related to this area. The administration previously instructed our members into this area with the assurance that it was negative for asbestos. We were the ones who requested as a result of that to have it tested. Due to the fact we were instructed not to be around the area in question we never approached the area. We were then asked to approve a scope of work to clean up this area. I advised them that the scope was impressive but I that I would like for them to investigate and find out how this area is positive when they said it wasn't based on the 2004 hazardous assessment manual. There has been no response. I am appalled that the DA employees were still allowed to go into the other two rooms with the sample results that were found. Again, I am requesting the Safety Committee from O&M to be involved with all aspects of the process involving testing to remediation. I am sure we will be able to provide valuable insight to prevent further exposures

Respectfully yours,

Ted Harris President AFSCME Local 1265

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Cc: Donna Weiss/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 09/07/2011 10:27 AM  
Subject: Re: Asbestos Opinion needed ASAP

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Flattery will get you everywhere, Harry. I took a quick look at the letter, seems pretty straightforward. I just want to take a few minutes to check the EPA workgroup website on asbestos.

Betty Ann Quinn  
Toxicologist  
Technical Support Branch  
215-814-3388

Harry Daw---09/07/2011 10:16:18 AM---The Asst Solicitor for Northampton County, who sent me this was actually looking for something today

From: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US  
To: Donna Weiss/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: Elizabeth Quinn/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 09/07/2011 10:16 AM  
Subject: Re: Asbestos Opinion needed ASAP

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The Asst Solicitor for Northampton County, who sent me this was actually looking for something today if not this morning. Just a quick one liner. Based on what I've seen and my experience I think it would be prudent of them not to allow access to this area until it is cleaned up. But obviously it'll sound better if I have the back up of one of the premier Toxicologists in all of EPA!

Sincerely,

Harry T. Daw, Associate Director  
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Donna Weiss---09/07/2011 10:03:47 AM---I forwarded this to Betty Ann for review. She will look at it as soon as she can and try to get bac

From: Donna Weiss/R3/USEPA/US  
To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: Elizabeth Quinn/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 09/07/2011 10:03 AM  
Subject: Re: Asbestos Opinion needed ASAP

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I forwarded this to Betty Ann for review. She will look at it as soon as she can and try to get back to us with her feedback this week. If you wait until next week, please let me know because she is swamped. Thanks.

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From: Thomas Harp <THarp@northamptoncounty.org>  
To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 09/29/2011 01:52 PM  
Subject: RE: Law Library Abatement

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OK. I thought I heard you say the middle of next week. But Thursday would be fine. Thanks.

**From:** Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov [<mailto:Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2011 1:29 PM  
**To:** Thomas Harp  
**Subject:** Re: Law Library Abatement

I've asked that we respond by next Thursday.  
Harry Daw

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**From:** Thomas Harp [THarp@northamptoncounty.org]  
**Sent:** 09/29/2011 02:02 PM GMT  
**To:** Harry Daw  
**Cc:** Jill Mancini <JMancini@northamptoncounty.org>; Steven Desalva <SDesalva@northamptoncounty.org>; James Onembo <jonembo@nccpa.org>; John Stoffa <JStoffa@northamptoncounty.org>  
**Subject:** Law Library Abatement

Harry, that you for taking my call this morning. You are currently in travel status and indicated that you received the SOW recommended by SSM for abatement of ACM in our law library, but wanted one of your colleagues to review it prior to our proceeding with the abatement process. You indicated that you will be contacting me by the middle of next week with your recommendations. We are very anxious to proceed with the proper abatement of this area. The law library has been shut down for nearly two weeks now and our understanding is that the proposed scope of work for the abatement will take 3-4 weeks. Our court administration has stressed how vital this service is to our local legal system. We are willing to move forward as quickly as possible with cleanup efforts. But since your office is involved, we want to make sure the SSM plan is acceptable.

I will look forward to hearing from you next week.

Thank you.

Tom

Thomas Harp, Deputy Director  
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Cc: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 09/01/2011 04:48 PM  
Subject: Fw: Northampton County - asbestos -- reporter questions

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Harry & Fatima

I'm not sure you are going to be in the office on Friday. The reporter has some follow-up questions -- see below. I already told her we couldn't answer her question about whether we would be interviewing county officials since we can't provide details about the investigation. But we should be able to tell her what the process is, right?

I'm not in the office tomorrow. Terri White will respond to the reporter.

Thanks for all your help.

Donna Heron  
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From: "Cassi, Sarah" <scassi@Express-Times.com>  
To: Donna Heron/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 09/01/2011 03:33 PM  
Subject: RE: Northampton County - asbestos

Donna,

Thank you so much for getting back to me. Would the investigation include interviewing county officials? And would a report be generated following the investigation? And what kind of possible consequences could the county face from the EPA - fines, for example?

-Sarah C.

Sarah Cassi  
Northampton County courts and government reporter  
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Sent: Thu 9/1/2011 3:19 PM  
To: Cassi, Sarah  
Subject: Northampton County - asbestos

Sarah

Terri White asked me to follow up on your inquiry. I checked in with our program folks and they advised me that we received tips on several Northampton County buildings in December, 2010 and we are actively investigating.

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Date: 10/06/2011 09:22 AM  
Subject: RE:

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Thank you for your input. Your opinion is helpful. We intend to begin promptly.

-----Original Message-----

From: Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 2:48 PM

To: Jill Mancini

Cc: John Stoffa; 'Karl F. Longenbach'; Thomas Harp; El-abdaoui.fatima@epa.gov; Townsend.Kyla@epamail.epa.gov; Boyer.Harry@epamail.epa.gov

Subject: Re:

Ms. Mancini and Mr. Harp:

Below please find some brief comments that my staff provided regarding the plan you submitted.

Please note that these comments are our reaction to the information that you presented and do not represent an agency opinion or final action and may not be exhaustive in nature. Hopefully you will find them useful as you move forward with the project. See below

Comments : Northampton County Law Library

- \* clean and or encapsulate HVAC systems going into and exiting library;
- \* when decontaminating books be sure to not use too much water when wet wiping, doing so could lead to a possible mold issue when books are stored. Conducting random wipe tests of books when decontamination is complete may be prudent; and
- \* decontaminating ceiling tiles can be difficult due to the many cracks and crevices in many types of ceiling tiles. Wet wiping ceiling tiles could also create a mold issue when tiles are stored. Decontaminating the ceiling tiles would take a lot of time and labor and will not guarantee that the tiles will be free of asbestos. In most cases disposal of contaminated ceiling tiles is a better option.

Sincerely,

Harry T. Daw, Associate Director  
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Dear Harry:

Please find attached the draft SOW prepared by SSM.

Thank you for forwarding this on to the appropriate individual for review. We will look



forward to your recommendation as we are reluctant to proceed with remediation without it.

Sincerely,  
Jill Mancini  
610-559-3183

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Date: 01/26/2012 03:21 PM  
Subject: Re: Fw: Asbestos test results

Hi Harry,  
I will be happy to help. I can provide information similar to the memo I generated for the Northampton County Law Library, if that will be satisfactory. What time frame are you looking for?

Betty Ann Quinn  
Toxicologist  
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▼ Harry Daw---01/26/2012 02:07:45 PM---Betty Ann, Back in the fall I asked if you could look at some data from the Northampton County Law L

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Betty Ann,

Back in the fall I asked if you could look at some data from the Northampton County Law Library and give me an opinion on the risk associated with the levels reported of the samples collected by the County's contractor. Attached is another

set of asbestos sample analysis conducted by Northampton County at the county owned Gracedale Nursing Facility. The asbestos in the facility is suspected to have resulted from an incident where 20-25 asbestos core fire doors were cut-up (using a power saw) on a loading dock at the facility. The incident apparently happened 4-5 years ago.

Do you have time to look at this information and give me another opinion about the risks associated with continued exposure? I know that you are extremely busy, but it would be extremely helpful to know what this data represents.

Northampton hasn't yet requested an opinion but since I've received this information, it's only a matter of time before they reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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Date: 01/25/2012 11:09 AM  
Subject: Asbestos test results

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Good morning,

I am alerting everyone as President of AFSCME Local 1265. I received the test results for the Gracedale complex basement Southeast, Southwest wings. I must say that this is extremely unsettling. I challenge anyone to step forward and consider this a miniscule issue as was inferred previously. We as members have known about and worried about exposures since our first meeting in 2007. We have been asking for reports and information and have had no satisfaction. We are appalled that one of our members was ordered to cut up and dispose of asbestos core fire doors believed by some to number around six and to have happened many years ago. How about as recently as four years ago and numbered 20-25 doors. The results of this action is what we believe to be the conditions that exist today. In the past two of our safety committee members had a sit down with Marvin Granda to discuss our plight to know avail. We also addressed issues with Brian Balliet with the same results. It is now time to face reality. (We) have an extremely serious situation on our hands and it is not our intent to cripple the operations of Gracedale, but the health and safety of ALL people in the complex is of the utmost of importance. Therefore, The safety committee, myself, the solicitor and members of administration need to meet ASAP to discuss the resolution of this emergency. contamination is still continuing. I was told that Housekeeping were mopping floors in this area. I advised a member to have the mop heads confiscated and quarantined for disposal and was told that they were already in the wash. We need to establish Medical Surveillance NOW for these affected people. We are not going to approve any scopes of work at this time. This is far too serious for us to give the go ahead. I have contacted Mr. Daw From the EPA for him to offer us guidance and I am sure you would not mind waiting until advice is given. In the mean time please

make sure that all hazards are being communicated to the employees. I worked with Mr. Harp and MS. Mancini on this for our similar situation at the courthouse in the law library and they were responsive. I am anxious for a response from the responsible party in charge. I am not always able to respond to an e-mail in a timely fashion so please feel free to call me at 484-809-6287 Thank you.

Respectfully yours ,

Ted Harris President AFSCME Local 1265

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**Subject:** Fw: Final Report Gracedale - Lower Level Sampling

Don,  
Please pass along and remind SSM to send reports to you or a supervisor in the future. Thanks. Steve

**From:** gensemer, dan [<mailto:Daniel.Gensemer@ssmgroup.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2012 03:03 PM

**To:** Thomas Harp; Steven Desalva

**Subject:** Final Report Gracedale - Lower Level Sampling

Attached please find the above mentioned report. SSM's scope of work was based off the findings of this report. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,  
Mr. Daniel R. Gensemer  
Director, Indoor Environmental Quality

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Cc: John Stoffa <JStoffa@northamptoncounty.org>  
Date: 01/19/2012 10:30 AM  
Subject: Investigation

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What is the status of the EPA investigation of incidents involving asbestos at our county facilities? I understand that Harry Boyer has had some serious health issues that may be contributing to delays in completing his report. If there is any other information you need, please do not hesitate to ask. We would like to cooperate in any manner to assure the health and safety of our workers.

Thank you.

Tom

Thomas Harp, Director  
Department of Administration  
County of Northampton  
669 Washington St.  
Easton, Pa. 18042  
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*"The greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more" - Jonas Salk*

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To: National Lead Enforcement Group  
Date: 02/19/2008 01:35 PM  
Subject: OECA and Regional Office Report - Week Ending February 15, 2008 - Lead Excerpts

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### **Region I Settles TSCA Lead Paint Action against NH Landlord**

On February 13, 2008, Region I filed a TSCA CAFO settling an administrative penalty action against Manchester, New Hampshire landlord, Juliet Ermitano (Docket No. TSCA-01-2007-0093). Ms. Ermitano violated the Lead-Based Paint Disclosure Rule under TSCA on numerous occasions between August 2004 and August 2006 when she rented about 32 apartment units in Manchester. The most significant violations included the failure to provide records or reports regarding the presence of lead-based paint to two tenants and failure to provide EPA's lead hazard information pamphlet to six others. Under the CAFO, Ms. Ermitano must pay a \$5,121 civil penalty and complete a supplemental environmental

project consisting of lead abatement work worth at least \$46,087. (Contacts: Hugh Martinez, legal, 617-918-1867; Jeff Norcross, technical, 617-918-1839)

**Region I Provides Lead and Asbestos Training to Federal Safety and Health Council**

On January 24, 2008, Region I provided asbestos and lead abatement and renovation training to the Federal Safety and Health Council in Hadley, Massachusetts. Training topics included the identification of asbestos-containing building materials and lead-based painted materials found in common renovation operations as well as a review of the requirements of EPA's Renovation and Remodeling Rule -Section 406(b). Forty representatives from the Department of the Navy, US Postal Service, Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Internal Revenue Service, Veterans Administration Hospital in Northampton, Massachusetts, Groton (Connecticut) Sub Base, Massachusetts Department of Occupational Safety, City of Springfield (Massachusetts) Health Department, Bureau of Interior, and US Fish and Wildlife attended the training. (Contacts: James Bryson, 617-918-1524; Robert Carr, 617-918-1607)

**Region 5 signs Combined Complaint and Consent Agreement with Real Estate Owner Randy L. Houle, resolving Lead-Based Paint Violations**

On February 8, 2008, Region 5 filed a complaint and consent agreement and final order that initiates and concludes proceedings with Randy L. Houle, a real estate owner, to settle violations of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act. Under the terms of the settlement, Mr. Houle will pay a total civil penalty of \$2,203, and perform a supplemental environmental project (SEP) to abate lead-based paint hazards at two of his residential rental properties in Terre Haute, Indiana for a total cost of \$17,450. (Contacts: Ignacio Arrázola, Office of Regional Counsel, 312-886-7152, and Estrella Calvo, Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section, (312) 353-8931)

Laura Livingston, EPA Region 2  
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Cc: Donna Weiss/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 09/08/2011 04:25 PM  
Subject: Re: Fw: Asbestos Tests Law Library

Hi Harry,  
I've added some language that addresses the additional data you sent to me. The conclusions are the same, however-- it is prudent to limit exposure to areas known to be contaminated with asbestos-containing dusts.

*(See attached file: Northampton County Asbestos sample eval-3.docx)*

Betty Ann Quinn  
Toxicologist  
Technical Support Branch  
215-814-3388

Harry Daw---09/08/2011 11:36:23 AM---Betty Ann, Thanks for doing this on short notice. I'm forwarding additional information that Ms. Ma

From: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US

To: Elizabeth Quinn/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: Donna Weiss/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 09/08/2011 11:36 AM  
Subject: Fw: Asbestos Tests Law Library

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Betty Ann,

Thanks for doing this on short notice. I'm forwarding additional information that Ms. Mancini sent to Kyla Townsend later in the day yesterday. (I didn't know she was going to send add'l info or I would have waited until I reached out for help.) The last attachment is apparently the quantities of asbestos identified as a result of their sampling event. Let me know if this additional information changes anything in your memo. If it doesn't I'll go with that. Thanks alot!

Sincerely,

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Cc: Christine Convery/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 09/08/2011 10:13 AM  
Subject: Fw: Asbestos Tests Law Library

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Hello:

These are the additional document Ms. Mancini mentioned yesterday; can the person you spoke of yesterday who is doing a review of the previous information Ms. Mancini sent provide an assessment of these documents as well?

Sincerely,  
Kyla L. Townsend-McIntyre  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III  
Pesticides and Asbestos Programs Branch (3LC62)  
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To: Kyla Townsend/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 09/08/2011 09:40 AM  
Subject: FW: Asbestos Tests Law Library

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Dear Kyla:

I am writing to you in my capacity as assistant solicitor for Northampton County. As we discussed, recent tests confirm the presence of asbestos in our law library. For your convenience I have attached the results of the two tests performed and Guidelines. One test was performed on Sept. 2 and confirmed the presence of asbestos. The second test was performed on Sept. 7 and reflects the concentration of asbestos.

I understand that the EPA does not mandate that an area be segregated due to the presence of asbestos, however, since the quantity is above what is recommended in Guidelines, we are requesting at a minimum, a recommendation from the EPA.

Would you be so kind as to forward the same to us?

Thank you for your prompt response.

Regards  
Jill Mancini  
610-559-3184

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Subject: RE: Asbestos Tests Law Library

Jill - attached please find the quantitative results for the dust sampling performed in the Law Library along with a guidance document "Environmental Measurement Methods for Asbestos". Near the top of page 6 first paragraph is a list of the levels of asbestos in settled dust that is considered to be the "industry standard". The problem is there is no regulatory standard for what is considered acceptable levels for asbestos in dust. As you can see from the analytical results all of the asbestos structures detected were all less than 3 in each of the samples. This wipe sampling standard ASTM D5755-03 is used to assist in the evaluation of surfaces in buildings such as ceiling tiles, shelving, duct work, horizontal surfaces, and so forth. This method provides an index of the concentration of asbestos structures per unit area sampled as derived from the quantitative measure of the number of asbestos structures detected during analysis. It also takes into account the amount of non-asbestos dust in the sample and the sensitivity or "dirtiness" of the area sampled which could obscure the actual asbestos samples detected. Comparing this to the guidance document attached which indicates that for surfaces with levels of less than and up to 1,000 str/cm2 to be low, Levels above 10,000 str/cm2 are considered above general background and levels greater than 100,000 str/cm2 are considered high and in the range of what had been observed on surfaces outside leaky containment areas and around active abatement sites. Even though the highest results obtained from the Law Library are less than 29,400 str/cm2 they are still over the 10,000 str/cm2 general background level which would indicate a higher concentration. However

this is misleading because this is the lower limit of detection based on the "dirtiness" of the area sampled and the possibility of obstruction of fibers. As stated previously there is no compliance or regulatory standards with federal, state or local regulations and it is the user's responsibility to make these determinations. SSM recommends that these results be sent to the EPA for their interpretation and recommendation. The only positive thing SSM can state is at the time of air sampling on 9/2/11 the airborne concentration of asbestos was non-detected. This is only comparison that can be made to federal regulations.

Regards,

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Cc: kuchinski, dave; pfromm, bob; Donald Heimbecker; Steven Desalva; 'Karl F. Longenbach'; John Stoffa  
Subject: Asbestos Tests Law Library

Dan:

I appreciate that you are performing follow-up tests on the samples which came back positive for the presence of asbestos in the law library so promptly.

Dave and Bob indicated that the results would be done by late this afternoon and forwarded to us early tomorrow. In addition to the test report, could you send a copy of the Guidelines?

Thank you.

Jill

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Subject: Northampton County Courthouse asbestos evaluation

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Hi Harry,

I've written a brief memo evaluating the data in the letter report. Please let me know if this is what you need, or if I should use a different approach.

*(See attached file: Northampton County Asbestos sample eval.docx)*

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Date: 10/04/2011 09:15 AM  
Subject: Re: Fw:

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Cc: Mary Pat Posko <MPosko@northamptoncounty.org>, Holly Pulsinelli <HPulsinelli@northamptoncounty.org>, "Theresa A. Bush" <TBush@northamptoncounty.org>, Raydene Harwick <R.Harwick@afscme13.org>, Denise Bowles <DBowles@afscme.org>, Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA, "David C. Bertsch (dave.bertsch@ssmgroup.com)" <dave.bertsch@ssmgroup.com>  
Date: 04/19/2012 12:17 PM  
Subject: RE: EMSL results for 041209914 (104514.0003 Task 50 - County of Northampton - DA Storage Cleanup - B129)

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Please forgive us if this is being investigated. Per our previous request we are still seeking information to the origination of the Tremolite and what its application would have been in relationship to this room. I have had dialog with Rick from Rappco however, I believe our answers should come from SSM. The DA employees are not the only ones who have frequented these areas. The O&M staff were assigned to that area before it was utilized as a record keeping room and we spent quite a bit of time in this room and area. Thank you for your cooperation on this issue.

Ted Harris  
Jonathan Siedt

-----Original Message-----

From: Donald Heimbecker  
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 10:31 AM  
To: Carson Silfies; David Kaesler; Henry Kemmerer; Jonathan Siedt; Paul Wozniak; Roger Pulcini; Steven Desalva; Ted Harris; Thomas Harp; Vic Sabatino  
Cc: Mary Pat Posko  
Subject: FW: EMSL results for 041209914 (104514.0003 Task 50 - County of Northampton - DA Storage Cleanup - B129)

Attached test results from room# B 129. Distribute to staff at your location. Copied to "L" drive.

-----Original Message-----

From: bertsch, dave [mailto:dave.Bertsch@ssmgroup.com]  
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 10:18 AM  
To: Thomas Harp; Donald Heimbecker

Subject: FW: EMSL results for 041209914 (104514.0003 Task 50 - County of Northampton - DA Storage Cleanup - B129)

Spray-on fireproofing in the Basement DA Storage area was confirmed negative for asbestos, still waiting on the wipes. If wipes come back OK this time we will run 1 final air test in there to clear for re-occupancy, we wanted to wait this time until wipes are OK.

Regards,  
Mr. David C. Bertsch  
Manager, Asbestos and Lead Services

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From: cinnasblab@EMSL.com [mailto:cinnasblab@EMSL.com]  
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 10:03 AM  
To: asbestos  
Subject: EMSL results for 041209914 (104514.0003 Task 50 - County of Northampton - DA Storage Cleanup - B129)

Results for orders 041209914 (104514.0003 Task 50 - County of Northampton - DA Storage Cleanup - B129)

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From: Ted Harris <THarris@northamptoncounty.org>  
To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: Raydene Harwick <R.Harwick@afscme13.org>, Denise Bowles <DBowles@afscme.org>  
Date: 04/23/2012 10:53 AM  
Subject: FW: EMSL results for 041209911 (DA Storage Cleanup / 104514.0003)

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FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Ted Harris  
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 10:52 AM  
To: Donald Heimbecker; Thomas Harp; David C. Bertsch (dave.bertsch@ssmgroup.com)  
Cc: Jonathan Siedt; David Kaesler; Paul Wozniak; Vic Sabatino; Henry Kemmerer  
Subject: RE: EMSL results for 041209911 (DA Storage Cleanup / 104514.0003)

Gentleman,  
Jonathan and I met with Mr. Shambach on Friday and discussed many topics. One was the aggressive air sampling. According to test procedures an electric leaf blower is utilized and they even spec the minimum horsepower. In this case a desk fan was utilized. Are there parameters where you can substitute a desk fan for a leaf blower? We would appreciate an answer. Also please have someone contact us for information on the Tremolite investigation. We have had a discussion and found that there was shelving stored in there from other areas in the courthouse. Many of us have worked in there and with the shelving dismantling project. Thank you.

Ted Harris  
Jonathan Siedt

-----Original Message-----

From: Donald Heimbecker  
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 7:35 AM  
To: Carson Silfies; David Kaesler; Henry Kemmerer; Jonathan Siedt; Paul Wozniak; Roger Pulcini; Steven Desalva; Ted Harris; Thomas Harp; Vic Sabatino  
Cc: Mary Pat Posko  
Subject: FW: EMSL results for 041209911 (DA Storage Cleanup / 104514.0003)

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Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: bertsch, dave [<mailto:dave.Bertsch@ssmgroup.com>]  
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2012 8:29 AM  
To: Henry Kemmerer; Thomas Harp; Steven Desalva; Donald Heimbecker  
Cc: gensemer, dan; kuchinski, dave; shambach, andrew  
Subject: FW: EMSL results for 041209911 (DA Storage Cleanup / 104514.0003)

Attached are the latest wipe sample results for B129...both samples NO ASBESTOS DETECTED...finally! SSM's Mr. Andrew Shambach is on site this morning to collect one final (hopefully) set of aggressive air samples to confirm clearance for re-occupancy...assuming those samples meet the clearance criteria the area will then be considered complete and turned over to the County.

Regards,  
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From: cinnasblab@EMSL.com [mailto:cinnasblab@EMSL.com]  
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 4:17 PM  
To: asbestos  
Subject: EMSL results for 041209911 (DA Storage Cleanup / 104514.0003)

Results for orders 041209911 (DA Storage Cleanup / 104514.0003)

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From: Linda Nowak <homeschoolbus@gmail.com>  
To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 05/17/2012 10:23 PM  
Subject: Re: funeral arrangements

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Is there a charity that would help the victims of asbestos exposure, particularly the Northampton site?

Dad really wanted to finish that case.

On Thu, May 17, 2012 at 5:05 PM, Harry Daw <[Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Daw.Harry@epamail.epa.gov)> wrote:  
Linda,

Thank you for the information. I'll pass it along to the many friends and acquaintances Harry had her at EPA and elsewhere. If donations are made does the family have a preference for how they should be handled?  
Sincerely,

Harry T. Daw, Associate Director  
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[daw.harry@epa.gov](mailto:daw.harry@epa.gov)

From: Linda Nowak <[homeschoolbus@gmail.com](mailto:homeschoolbus@gmail.com)>  
To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA, Paul Mandelaro/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 05/17/2012 04:53 PM  
Subject: funeral arrangements

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A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on May 21, 2012 at 1 PM at Corpus Christi R.C. Church, 369 Georgetown Rd., Carney's Point, NJ 08069. The viewing for Mr. Boyer will be held prior to the mass at the church from 11-1. Following the mass interment will take place at the Salem County Veterans Cemetery. [www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)  
refreshments back at the church.

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God Bless,  
Linda N.

Happiness on this earth, lies in contentment with where God has placed you at this moment in time.

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God Bless,

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To: Harry Daw/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: "David A. Kaesler" <DKaesler@northamptoncounty.org>, "Paul M. Wozniak" <PWozniak@northamptoncounty.org>, Jonathan Siedt <JSiedt@northamptoncounty.org>, Raydene Harwick <R.Harwick@afscme13.org>, Harry Boyer/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 02/07/2012 07:46 AM  
Subject: request

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Good morning Mr. Daw,

Instead of progress we are in decline. I hereby request by documentation that the C.I.D. be contacted apprised of the situation at hand and requested to meet with the members of the safety committee. Thank you.

Ted Harris-President AFSCME Local 1265  
Jonathan Siedt  
Dave Kaesler  
Paul Wozniak

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Cc: Deborah Rutledge/R3/USEPA/US@EPA, Genevieve Harlan/R3/USEPA/US@EPA, Mary Gregory/R3/USEPA/US  
Date: 07/12/2012 04:48 PM  
Subject: HSCD Salient Report Week Ending July 13, 2012

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**Chem Fab Proposed Plan Public Meeting, Doylestown, PA** - On July 10, 2012, EPA held a public meeting to discuss the Proposed Plan for an Interim Remedial Action at the Chem Fab Site. The meeting was held at the Doylestown Borough Hall. More than 30 people attended, including local residents, tenants and the owner of the former Chem Fab property, several council members, and members of the press.

EPA presented our preferred alternative, which would address contaminated soils on the Chem Fab property via excavation and off-site disposal. The citizens present expressed concern about the length of time that the Site had been studied and the health effects of the contamination. They also expressed concern about the potential lack of funding for the Remedial Action. The Vapor Intrusion study being conducted by the Removal Program was also discussed extensively. The public comment period is scheduled to end on July 25, 2012. (Huu Ngo 4-3187, Larry Johnson 4-3239)

**Eppinger and Russell Site, Update, Chesapeake VA** - Region III Site Assessment Program completed the Expanded Site Inspection (ESI) sampling event for the Eppinger and Russell Site the week of June 11, 2012. The Eppinger Russell Site is a 32 acre, former wood treating plant, which operated from the early 1900's to 1981. The ESI sampling event involved assessing the areas outside the former wood treating plant currently being addressed by the Virginia Remediation Program cleanup conducted by Hess Corporation and the Elizabeth River Project. Sixteen Ponar grab samples and sixteen Ogeechee sediment cores were collected to determine the impact of several former wood treating holding yards and a creosote tank storage area on the sediments of the Elizabeth River. Sediment cores collected in the Elizabeth River near the drainage ditch, located offshore of the Hazel Court parcel, appeared to be visibly saturated with a viscous hydrocarbon which may be creosote. Site Assessment anticipates that validated data should be available by the end of the summer. The Elizabeth River Project detected Polyaromatic hydrocarbons in this area during their environmental investigations with concentrations ranging from 1,000-3,000 ppm. Site Assessment will use the ESI data to determine if these parcels of former wood treating facility warrant placement on the National Priorities List. (D. Fulsher, 4-3270)

**Additional Cost Recovery for the Franklin Smelting and Franklin Slag Sites (Philadelphia, PA)** - Under the terms of the Franklin Slag/Franklin Smelting Ability to Pay Consent Decree, the Settling Defendants have already made cash payments to EPA and PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) in excess of \$3,600,000. As part of this settlement, the Settling Defendants were also required to sell two properties. The first of these properties, a waterfront residence in Jupiter, Florida, was sold on Tuesday, July 10, 2012. As a result of the sale, EPA and PADEP recovered an additional \$245,000. (Mary Rugala, 4-2686; Leo Mullin, 4-3172)

**Odor and Arsenic from Gas Storage Facility (Clearville, Bedford County, Pennsylvania)** - On June 27, 2012, an On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) met with a resident of Clearville, Pennsylvania who has reported numerous times that her house and well have been contaminated from a nearby underground natural gas storage facility. After many responses by the local volunteer fire department, County Emergency Management Agency, and the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Oil and Gas and Air program, the State and County told the property owner that her concerns were not considered emergency events and asked her not to use the 24 hour emergency number but to submit her complaints to the PADEP Regional Office. The citizen subsequently submitted a complaint via the Region's "Eyes on Drilling" tip line. The EPA OSC after discussions with state officials and consultation with the Office of Air Enforcement determined that EPA should visit the resident and the facilities to examine information that documents these events. EPA OSC and PADEP Air inspector met with the storage facilities and then with the resident to gather information on the complaints. Review and evaluation of this information is underway. (Steve Jarvela, 4-3259; Kurt Elsner 4-2082)

EPA Brownfields Program supports Lehigh Valley Sustainable Development Planning - On July 11, 2012, EPA representatives attended "Envision Lehigh Valley" public meeting designed to engage citizens of Northampton and Lehigh County Pennsylvania to plan a sustainable future for the region. Almost 200 people attended and provided valuable input in this first of many visioning exercises. The main focus areas for the three-year-long planning effort are economic development, fresh food access, multimodal transportation, fair housing, climate and energy. The goal of Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation, who is spearheading the sustainable development planning and implementation, is to include all input from public meetings, surveys, social media in the region's new Comprehensive Plan - The Lehigh Valley 2030. EPA Brownfields Program and the EPA, Department of Transportation, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development Partners for Sustainable Communities initiative have provided over \$6 million in funding and technical assistance for these efforts. Brownfield redevelopment projects have been the catalysts used to launch this region wide revitalization initiative. (Contacts Paula Estornell, 4-5632; Marie Holman, 4-5463)

### **HSCD Calendar of Events**

**July 10 Chem Fab Proposed Plan Public Meeting**

**7:00 PM: Doylestown Borough Hall**

**Doylestown, PA**

**Contacts: Huu Ngo 4-3187, Larry Johnson 4-3239**

**July 11 Quarterly Meeting – DC Cooperative Agreement**

**1:00 PM**

**Contact: Alan Hollis, 4-3339**

**July 17 Valley (Washington DC Munitions Site) Public Meeting**

**7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church**

**3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW Washington, DC**

**Contact: Steve Hirsh, 4-3352**

**July 18 Public Meeting - Spectron, Inc. Superfund Site**

**Operable Unit 2 Interim Proposed Plan**

**6:30 to 8:30 pm: Cherry Hill Middle School Elkton, MD**

**Contacts: John Epps 4-3144, Carrie Dietzle, 4-5525**

**July 18 Quarterly Meeting – VA Cooperative Agreements**

**9:00 AM, Pocono Rm.**

**Contact: Alan Hollis, 4-3339**

**July 25 LEPC Presentation**

**Roane County, WV**

**Contact: Bob Kelly, 4-3268**

**July 26 Quarterly Meeting – MD Cooperative Agreements**

**10:00 AM; Video Conference**

**Contact: Sandy Allen, 4-3150**

**Aug. 1 LEPC Presentation**

**Cabell/Wayne, WV**

**Contact: Bob Kelly, 4-3268**

**Aug. 1 BoRit CAG Meeting**

**6:30 PM; Ambler, PA**

**Contact: Vance Evans, 4-5526**

**Aug. 16 Quarterly Meeting – DE Cooperative Agreements**

**10:00 AM; Video Conference**

**Contact: Sandy Allen, 4-3150**

**Sept. 11 – 13 Regional Response Team Meeting**

**State College, PA**

**Contact: Linda Marzulli, 4-3256**

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